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MEDICAID MEMO

TO: Ambulatory Surgical Centers Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program and Virginia Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

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MEMO: Special

DATE: 10/3/2017

SUBJECT: Statewide Base Rate Correction for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Under Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) Payment Methodology

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform providers of the correction to the statewide ambulatory surgical center (ASC) base rate, effective January 1, 2016. **The corrected statewide base rate is \$206.17 rather than the previously published base rate of \$101.93.** This correction applies to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016.

DMAS began reimbursing ASCs in accordance with the EAPG reimbursement methodology for claims with dates of service beginning April 5, 2010. (See the Medicaid Memorandum dated March 4, 2010, "Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.") DMAS updated the EAPG grouper from Version 3.4 to Version 3.10 of the 3M Core Grouping Software (CGS), adopted the national 3M weights for EAPG version 3.10 and rebased the statewide base rate effective January 1, 2016. (See the Medicaid Memorandum dated December 15, 2015, "Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Group (EAPG) for Ambulatory Surgical Centers; New Weights, Base Rate, and EAPG Grouper Version for Claims Payment.")

Regulations require that rebasing should result in total expenditures that are budget neutral to (or the same as) total expenditures prior to EAPG rebasing. DMAS recently completed a review of the rebasing calculations and determined the published base rate of \$101.93 is incorrect. The EAPG weights (under version 3.10) do not change but the base rate will be corrected to \$206.17. The base rate and ASC EAPG weights are available on the DMAS web site at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Select Provider Services, Rate Setting Information, Outpatient Facility Rates, Ambulatory Surgical Center.

The corrected base rate will be effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016. FFS claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, will be reprocessed with the corrected base rate. DMAS estimates that the reprocessing of these claims will be completed by November 2017.

To contact 3M for more information about EAPG software, please call 800-367-2447 or use the following link: www.3MHIS.com.

MAGELLAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF VIRGINIA (Behavioral Health Services Administrator)

Providers of behavioral health services may check member eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, and service authorizations by visiting www.MagellanHealth.com/Provider. If you have any questions regarding behavioral health services, service authorization, or enrollment and credentialing as a Medicaid behavioral health service provider please contact Magellan Behavioral Health of Virginia toll free at 1-800-424-4046 or by visiting www.magellanofvirginia.com or submitting questions to VAProviderQuestions@MagellanHealth.com.

MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS

Most Medicaid individuals are enrolled in one of the Department's managed care programs: Medallion 3.0, Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC), Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus), and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). In order to be reimbursed for services provided to a managed care enrolled individual, providers must follow their respective contract with the managed care plan/PACE provider. The managed care plan/PACE provider may utilize different prior authorization, billing, and reimbursement guidelines than those described for Medicaid fee-for-service individuals. For more information, please contact the individual's managed care plan/PACE provider directly.

Contact information for managed care plans/PACE providers can be found on the DMAS website for each program as follows:

- Medallion 3.0:
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mc-home.aspx
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mmfa-isp.aspx
- Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-proinfo.aspx
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE):
http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_atchs/ltc/WEB%20PAGE%20FOR%20PACE%20Sites%20in%20VA.pdf

COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE PLUS

Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus is a required managed long term services and supports program for individuals who are either 65 or older or meet eligibility requirements due to a disability. The program integrates medical, behavioral health, and long term services and supports into one program and provides care coordination for members. The goal of this coordinated delivery system is to improve access, quality and efficiency. Please visit the website at: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-home.aspx.

VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, payment status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the Conduent Government Healthcare Solutions Support Help desk toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

KEPRO PROVIDER PORTAL

Providers may access service authorization information including status via KEPRO's Provider Portal at <http://dmas.kepro.com>.

"HELPLINE"

The "HELPLINE" is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on holidays. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:

1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

TO ALL MEDICAID PROVIDERS: PROVIDER APPEAL REQUEST FORM NOW AVAILABLE

There is now a form available on the DMAS website to assist providers in filing an appeal with the DMAS Appeals Division. The link to the page is http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/appeal-home.aspx and the form can be accessed from there by clicking on, "Click here to download a Provider Appeal Request Form." The form is in PDF format and has fillable fields. It can either be filled out online and then printed or downloaded and saved to your business computer. It is designed to save you time and money by assisting you in supplying all of the necessary information to identify your area of concern and the basic facts associated with that concern. Once you complete the form, you can simply print it and attach any supporting documentation you wish, and send to the Appeals Division by means of the United States mail, courier or other hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or electronic submission supported by the Agency.

PROVIDERS: NEW MEDICARE CARDS ARE COMING

CMS is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards to help fight identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars. In previous messages, CMS has stated that you must be ready by April 2018 for the change from the Social Security Number based Health Insurance Claim Number to the randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (the new Medicare number). Up to now, CMS has referred to this work as the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI). Moving forward, CMS will refer to this project as the New Medicare Card.

To help you find information quickly, CMS designed a new homepage linking you to the latest details, including how to [talk to your Medicare patients](#) about the new Medicare Card. Bookmark the [New Medicare Card](#) homepage and [Provider](#) webpage, and visit often, so you have the information you need to be ready by April 1st.

Providers (which includes fee for service, Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus) may share the following information with members:

MEMBERS: NEW MEDICARE CARDS ARE COMING

Medicare will mail new Medicare cards between April 2018 and April 2019. Your new card will have a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security Number. This will help to protect your identity.

Additional information is available at the following link:

<https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-and-resources/your-medicare-card.html>